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WorshipSafe

Health & Safety Protocols

As Catholics, the source and summit of our spiritual life is participation in the Eucharist. The faithful have not been able to experience this reality since December 2020 in Toronto and Peel.

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Thank you once again to all those who engaged in respectful dialogue with their elected Member of Provincial Parliament. May God continue to bless you now and always.

Please check the website as we update our mass times throughout the pandemic.

This week's mass times are:

Saturday Vigil:	5:00 PM,
Sunday:	8:30 AM,
	11:30 AM,
Wed. & Fri.	5:00pm

Admittance on a first come basis and limited to the first 24 people.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

By appointment

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

By appointment

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

By appointment

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK AND HOLY COMMUNION

Have your health care team page a Catholic priest if you have a family member in hospital needing anointing of the sick.

Communion to those homebound is suspended at this time.

For information on Catholic education in our community or to reach your local school board trustee, contact the Toronto Catholic District School Board at 416-222-8282 or www.tcdsb.org.

Schools in the area:

St. Anselm	416-393-5243
Holy Cross	416-393-5242
Canadian Martyrs	416-393-5251
St. John XXIII	416-429-4000



The Jerusalem Syndrome

Jesus made His entry into the city of Jerusalem over 2000 years ago. The city called holy now continues to be an unholy melting pot of fighting factions - both religious and political. Once the psalmist described Jerusalem as a 'city of compact unity, with peace within its walls and prosperity in its buildings' (Psalm 122). At present Jerusalem is a veritable war zone. **In a city that should be characterised by God's own justice and equity, retaliation and revenge are the order of the day.**

The theological tenor of this Holy Week prompts each of us to recognise that there is something of Jerusalem in all of us. **Inasmuch as grudges are retained and forgiveness refused...** inasmuch as vengeance is plotted, if only in the mind...inasmuch as we rejoice at the misfortune of another, withhold justice from the victimised or cast an unseeing, apathetic eye upon the plight of the poor,...inasmuch as we continue to return tit for tat, evil for

evil, insult for insult... **the Jerusalem syndrome lives on and we are all affected.**

Despite the fact of our faults and failings Jesus wills to come to us once again, in the mystery of His Passover. He wills to heal and forgive so that the Jerusalem within us might be transformed and **we may become what we are meant to be - a people united, a people of peace, a people who cry for justice.**

To prompt our efforts in this regard, a 14th Century sculpture, 'Christ on Palmdonkey', may aid us. Now housed in the Augustinen Museum in Freiburg, this sculpture was made to be pulled on a cart in the Palm Sunday procession. To those who look upon him, the sculptured Jesus' unfocused eyes seem to see what no one else can see. **There is penetrating insight into the 'Jerusalem of the human heart'** but also an immense compassion. This same Jesus rides into our hearts today and sees us for who we are. Nevertheless, He loves us because of who He is.

ShareLife: Supporting mental health in our community

Our parish's ShareLife Campaign is now underway. ShareLife Sunday is April 18th.

In this time of Lent, please reflect on the great needs of our brothers and sisters who are helped through your generous support of ShareLife.

Last year, generous ShareLife supporters enabled 21,000 people to receive affordable mental health care through family service agencies across the Archdiocese of Toronto, including our community.

Thank you for supporting ShareLife!

Resources during the pandemic

Visit www.archtoronto.org/ for links daily masses including:

1. **Daily Mass from Loretto Abbey** (also broadcast on TV)
2. **Daily Mass and Rosary with Cardinal Collins** live from St. Michael's
<https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/liveCathedral Basilica>
7:30am Mon.-Sat.
10:00am Sunday
3. **ASL Mass Livestream** from the International Catholic Deaf Association, Canadian Section
4. Covid-19 resources: www.archtoronto.org/covid19

Spiritual Communion

During the pandemic we are unable to physically take part in communion. Spiritual Communion is a way to be united with Christ when we cannot physically receive the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist. When viewing mass online say this prayer at the time of communion.

St. Alphonsus Liguori's Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Pope's prayer to Virgin Mary for protection

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.

At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.

You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.

We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us.

He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

